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## Education

### Carnegie Mellon University

Pittsburgh, PA, USA

B.S. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, CONCENTRATION IN ALGORITHMS & COMPLEXITY

Aug 2018 - Expected May 2022

- Cumulative GPA **3.58**, School of Computer Science Dean's List, High Honors F19, F20.

- Selected courses:

**10-701** Machine Learning (PhD)

**15-210** Parallel Data Structures & Algos

**21-259** Calculus 3D

**15-411** Compiler Design (C++)

**15-213** Introduction to Computer Systems

**21-301** Combinatorics

**15-440** Distributed Systems (Java)

**15-251** Great Ideas in Theoretical CS

**21-373** Abstract Algebra (Current)

**15-451** Algorithm Design & Analysis

**15-259** Probability & Computing

**80-413** Category Theory (Current)

**15-459** Quantum Computation (Current)

**15-260** Statistics & Computing

**15-356** Cryptography (Current)

**21-241** Linear Algebra

## Work Experience

### NetApp SOFTWARE ENGINEER INTERN [SunnyVale, CA, USA](#)

May 2021 - Aug 2021

- 3x speedup for OS compile-update-reboot time for ONTAP virtual machines
- Automated ONTAP cloud cluster setup configuration for dynamic load testing
- 2.7x speedup for WAFL scheduler client I/O latency with minimal slowdown (0.8x) to WAFL scheduler replication operations latency
- Further optimized 3.5x speedup for client I/O and 1.2x speedup for replication operations with online random forest server load prediction

### ZODAJ FULL STACK SOFTWARE ENGINEER INTERN [Pittsburgh, PA, USA](#)

May 2020 - Aug 2020

- Devised SMS and Android COVID-19 contact tracing for Senegal in partnership with Senegalese health authorities
- Designed NoSQL, PostgreSQL databases along with AWS Lambda RESTful API for TCN protocol contact tracing
- Directed and implemented all permissions and roles within ZODAJ for Amazon AWS databases
- Created exposure overlap algorithm for  $n$  people in a store that runs in  $\max(O(k) \text{ or } O(n \log n))$ , where  $k$  is overlap count
- Wrote graph algorithms, discrete-time Markov chain SIR epidemic modeling for tracking infections

### BOSCH ASEAN LINUX SYSTEMS ENGINEER INTERN (DevOps) [Singapore](#)

May 2019 - Aug 2019

- Enabled Jenkins server to run 2 ISO builds in parallel (1 executor, 2 slaves) for testing via dynamic port allocation
- Identified bottleneck in debugging failed builds and significantly reduced debug time via auto log extraction from QEMU disks on build servers
- Modified Jenkins pipeline to reduce deployment testing from 20 mins to 1 min
- Began migration of current inventory servers to new OCS inventory servers via Ansible for seamless configuration
- Authored Linux Debian package for unit tests automation (security/functionality) on new OS installations

### Eyeota Pte Ltd DATA ANALYTICS INTERN [Singapore](#)

Dec 2017 - May 2018

- Programmed data cleaning and classification of advertiser and buyer data from programmatic buy-side platforms
- Extracted advertisers' target demographic trends via both web-scraping and buyers' purchasing data
- Streamlined updates of daily, weekly, and monthly audience data sales revenue via complete process automation

### Singapore Armed Forces PLATOON SERGEANT, TRANSPORT FORMATION [Singapore](#)

Jan 2016 - Nov 2017

- Automated human resource and vehicle accounting of over 20 combat vehicle types and 400 individual units.

### A\*STAR SIMTECH Research MACHINE LEARNING RESEARCH INTERN [Singapore](#)

Jun 2014 - Dec 2014

- Utilized k-means clustering, partial least squares regression, extreme learning machine, and multiple linear regression to predict ink cartridge lifespans with industry standard of > 97% accuracy, thus eliminating destructive batch-testing

## Technical Proficiencies

### Tools & Frameworks

- C | C++ | Bash | Python | Java | Kotlin | SML | HTML | CSS | JavaScript
- Ansible** server configuration, OS startup configuration
- AWS** Lambda, EC2, S3, RDS, DynamoDB, IAM, Neptune
- Docker** containerized OS build testing, app testing
- Jenkins** continuous feature/pipeline testing and deployment

- Terraform** TCN protocol backend configuration/deployment
- Front-end** .ISO download UI, log reporting, Android
- Back-end** build pipeline optimization, DB integration
- Agile** tri-weekly Sprint, daily SCRUM

## Extracurriculars & Projects

### 15-251 Great Ideas in Theoretical CS Course Tutor

- Conducted one-on-one tutoring sessions for students in the class

### Sheet Music Assistant

- Created Python app with optical & audio recognition to read sheet music, playback, display and auto-flip pages for musicians during live performance